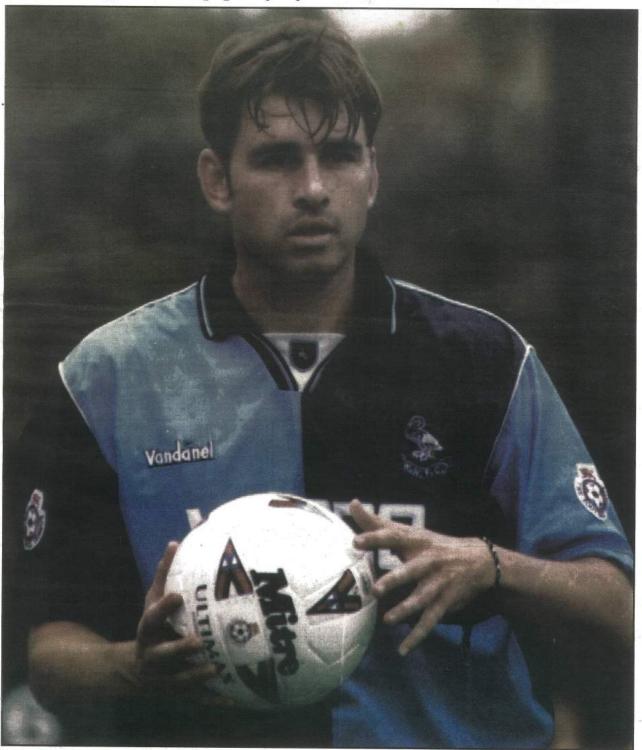
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BLUES NEWS

The official newspaper of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club



PLAYER OF THE MONTH. Terry Howard is 'the real thing,' see page IV

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SATURDAY December 2 the superb inou

illnesses.

Paddington Bear will be there (the charity's mascot) and there will be face-painting, lucky dip, stalls and games. For every child attending 25p will be given to the charity and light refreshments will be sponsored and contributions of prizes.

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obtained 671502.

Four years of cup fortune

ur unusual early exit from the F.A. Cup this season, makes me appreciate just how fortunate we have been to do so well over the past four seasons. In 1992/93 we were twice live on Sky Sports, going out of the F.A. Cup 2nd Round at the Hawthorns by a late goal.

In 1993/94 we lost 2-0 to Premiership Norwich City in F.A. Cup 3rd Round, in-front of the Match-of-the-Day cameras, having beaten Cambridge United 1-0 in the 2nd Round, a fixture that was shown live on Sky Sports. Last season we lost to West Ham United 2-0 in the 3rd Round of the Mach of the Stranger Strang Last season we lost to West Ham United 2-0 in the 3rd Round of

the F.A. Cup, again in-front of the Match-of-the-Day cameras.

Clearly such success could not continue for ever, and losing 1-0 to Gillingham in the F.A. Cup 1st Round replay last week really

hurt. For those who saw the 1-1 draw at Adams Park live on Sky Sports, it would have come as no surprise that Gillingham put up a tremendous battling display in both matches to shade the tie, be it by a somewhat fortunate owngoal.

what fortunate owngoal.

W y c o m b e
Wanderers realise they
can not rely financially
on constant cup success, or being privileged enough
to be chosen to receive large T.V.
fees. However one must not forget the excellent 0-0 performance against Manchester City in the Coca-Cola Cup 2nd Round earlier this season. I for one will be far more grateful in future when we



by Mark Austin

Wanderers Supporters
Association unanimously approve their
new constitution and
club rules. Article 8 of
their constitution clearly states that "The Association is
administratively and financially
independent of the Football
Club", which means its own
democratically elected officials
will run the Official Supporters
Club independent of Wycombe
Wanderers Football Club. Having

their own bank account clearly gives them total control over their own funds.

I noticed that no Director or full-time employees of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club can become a member of the executive committee. With the committee able to refuse membership applications, clearly it is going to be very difficult for Wycombe Wanderers to exert any undue Wanderers to exert any undue influence over the Official Supporters Association, which I think can only be a good thing.

Anyone wanting to join the Official Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Association (also known as the Official Blues Supporters Club), should contact their Secretary Keith their Secretary Keith Blagborough at 1 Allen Drive, Walters Ash, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP14 4SS

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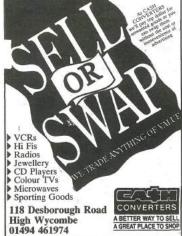
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THERE are two things which have been found more often than

not to be true.

The first is that most people The first is that most people think that it's the responsible thing to do to have some life insurance. The second is that very few people have been edu-cated in how life insurance

cated in how life insurance works.

Now when you put these two factors together, what happens typically is this , you get a job when you leave school, and mum or dad nag you to save some money, so you take out a life insurance policy-because it's the responsible thing to do, then you get married, and because it's the responsible thing to do you take out another policy; in fact you take out another policy; in fact you take out a policy when you start a family and when you get a mort-

gage- all because it's responsible to do that.

io do that.

However, because you weren't taught at school about life insurance and how it works, about there being different policies to do different jobs, after 10 or 15 years you are spending money on several premiums yet you don't really know why-just that somehow it was right to do it. And probably never in that time did any one stop to ask you why you any one stop to ask you why you wanted the policy, what it was you were trying to achieve, how it was supposed to fit in with your present and your future plans.

plans.

Apart from the unfortunate possibility of paying for something that isn't what you need, there is another danger. the danger is that you may think your

family is well-protected because you have a lot of policies, but those policies may not add up to much benefit at all. It's not uncommon to find people with half-a-dozen policies whose total sum assured is less than £10,000. Now that sort of money is not to be sniffed at - if you're still kicking and bringing home the bread. But to replace the loss of a lif-But to replace the loss of a lif-time of earnings, it doesn't even begin to do a job.

egin to do a job. That's where AXA Equity & aw's partnership with The That's where AXA Equity & Law's partnership with 'The Blues comes in. What that does is to put at your disposal a service designed to explain what life insurance is, how it works and most importantly how it should work for you. By explaining and de-mystifying it, you'll be able to make an informed and educated

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RACKSTRAWS

HIGH WYCOMBE

OUR POINTS OF VIEW

Letters sent to Alan Parry

As A new fan I have been going to see the Wanderers play for the last two years and have enjoyed all the games to date. Although I must say I have been a little disappointed with all the matches drawn on home turf this season, it is better than losing. Things can only get better at least we are better off than the bottom clubs.

I know that Alan Smith is building a great team for the Wanderers from the old side Martin O'Neill left for him, and he's bringing in new bloodfie has done a really good job in 16 weeks, keep up the good work! Well done Alan and the

really good job in 16 weeks, keep up the good work! Well done Alan and the You have presented a comundrum concerning the reduction in attendances at first team home games. My view is a succession of events has brought about this situation. The initial set-back was the succession of drawn games during the second half of last season which deprived the Blues of anticipated promotion. Then the close season events of Team Management changes gave rise to some apprehension. The culminating blow was the considerable rise in admittance charges. Here, many normal Season Ticket subscribers took the decision not to re-invest, but attend on a match by match selective basis dependent on team performance.

I have no doubts that the Primary cause for reduced attendance this season is the sharp increase in admittance charges. I have noted the absence of familiar faces from previous seasons. A modest increase over last season would probably have been acceptable, but the new prices are more compatible with higher leagues. On a personal note, as a Senior Citizen with a fixed income, I met the £51 increase on my Season Ticket by sacrificing my Wycombe Heights Golf Membership. But should there be yet another increase sext season is shall have to be satisfied with T.V.'s "Match of the Day"

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R H Hall, Beaconsfield

AM writing in response to your well presented article in issue No 22 on The Blues News of 26th October, in an attempt to answer your question of the missing supporters. The letter appearing with your column iouched very briefly upon what I personally feel is the major reason behind the considerable drop in current attendances.

With no disrespect to the present management team as individuals in their overall love and enthusiasm for the game. I would challenge them in their belief in style and in the type of player envisaged for the immediate future of the club.

Whilst I appreciate that during Martin's last few months in the hot seat we witnessed a somewhat overall below par performance from the team in general from what had gone before, but many supporters I associate with agree that without the enviree at the time of Keith ingent feel to the property of the club.

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am a loyal Wycombe
Wanderers fan of many
years standing. I travelled
up to Wycombe from South
Wales for the match with
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Hull City and have just red
your article in the Blues
News. It provoked a number
of thoughts:
1) Up until the last three
seasons, if one of my friends
or colleagues asked where I
came from and I replied High
Wycombe, the reply would be
WHEREI. But recently there
has been a change the club,
on a weekly basis for nine
months of the year, put The

Page are concerned that there is a better way forward than the present 'get it up there as quickly as possible' method and yet we see the likes of Thompson being allowed to go, a one hundred per cent fit

town on the map.

2) As Iam employed I am able to enjoy my passion of football, namely Wycombe Wanderers. It is an expensive if enjoyable hobby, especially, as my deaughter has now decided to pin her colours to my home town clubs mass. Each home game costs me 220 in petrol, £11.50 in tickets and a minimum of £2.50 for a programme and two matchday draw tickets a total of £34 per game.

matchday draw noness of £34 per game. Football is an expensive pastime and no matter how entertaining the spectacle or

Boys.

To the players, I would like to say that if you do as good a job at home as you do away, the purt-lime fans will return in numbers and stay, but the real fans will be there with you all the way.

And to some of the Wycombe supporters! would like to say that, when I stand on the terraces and hear you running down the likes of John Williams and other new members of the team, remember, we all have bad days at work. If was so easy we would all be playing for Wycombe not standing watching, of mixing tea and esting burgers.

CAN understand you concern at the drop in attendances at Adams Park this year. I must admit I have missed games this year that I would not have missed in previous years.

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1) With Martin O'Neill leaving I do not feel the same compulsion to attend every match. Such was his charlsma and enthusiasm that one felt part of a crusade that we all wanted to be involved in.

2) The standard of play was very poor in the early was very poor in the early

was very poor in the early games and there was a dis-tinct lack of passion from

tinct lack of passion from the players.

A third reason for the drop is that we have been very unlucky the way the fixtures have worked out. None of the opposing teams have brought many sup-morters.

porters.

Apart from the obvious factors that will increase attendances, le; being near the top of the league and

So support all our new players like John williams, as you do all the others and make them feel at home at Adams Park. With luck and our support the goals will be scored again and again. Let's hear you all shouting for the boys in blue not just leave it to the supporters behind the goal. Let's hear you all shout for the team, not go silent when it goes bad for our players. Just keep shouting 'Come on you blues' and it will help get our team going again.

Booker Road, High Wycombe

Booker Road. High Wycombe playing more glamorous sides, there are other reasons which could dramatically push up our following.

1) Alan Smith needs to involve himself more with the crowd. A great chance was missed when after an excellent performance at Carlot, the Wycombe crowd would have appreciated him joining the players and thanking them for their support.

2) The return of old favourites Terry Evans and Keith Ryan who seem to lift the spirit of the crowd and the rest of the Team with their whole-hearted dis-plays.

3) The return of Keith Scott. When he left that "something special" went out of the club and has never been replaced.

I hope this letter is of some use and that we have turned the corner and our crowds will improve.

David Plested, Hazlemere

gue and Hazlemere

Steve, being-in our opinion, of the greatest value to the team. That situation
alone obviously sums up the attitude and
thinking of the manager and his staff.

As a resident of Dorset since March, I
personally am not going to pay out in
the region of £30 per visit to witness the
methods being applied in the name of
Wycombe Wanderers so far this season,
and feel sorry for the like s of Simon
Garner, although in perhaps the twillight
of his career, having to try and perform
in the hurly burly that has taken over
from the free flowing football we were
brought up with under Martin's leadership.

Ship.

I know that I speak for many other more locally based supporters than myself, and if the manager is not for turning in favour of more skillful methods, I fear many more will stay away. A sad reflection on the progress made over the past four or five years.

Derek Easden, Christchurch, Dorset

hundred per cent fit. Derest superb the facilities, if there is no disposable income there is no opportunity to go. I would like to make a suggestion on how that burden could be spread in an effort to attract more family season ticket sales. Is it possible the club could create a direct debit scheme, say over six months for fans purchasing more than one ticket? This would certainly interest me and I feel would be welcomed by most fans.

3) On the subject of loyalty,

Earsten, Christchurch, Dorset

Earlier in the season when
the supporters had to endure
seeing five senior players geting their marching orders,
and volume to the sunstance of the superstand to listen to the taunts
such as "Kickem Wanderers"
Also, as a parent, do lwant
my children to observe the
indiscipline, from their footballing heroes?
Give people a club they can
relate to and be proud of and
you will gain a loyal crosssection of flam which the club
can be proud of.
Nigel Rowland, Liantwit

be proud of. Nigel Rowland, Liantwit Major, South Glamorgan.

HE article you have written in the Blues News invites views on what may be discouraging ecople from attending matches, and I can really only comment on this from my overpoint of view.

When I lived not be old ground I was able to walk to the match, and despite my own sporting activities at the time, I was able to see very many games, throughout the 50s,60s, and 70s.

A short walk was all that was involved, and it was possible to stand or sit if you wanted, anywhere in the ground. Friendly banter with the visiting supporters was all part of the fun, as we all stood or sat together.

It was not particularly comfortable but if felt like home, so to speak, and somehow the football seemed better than it does now, or a least it was more entertaining. You knew many of the team, where they worked and lived and they were very much part of the community, few of the present team live even in the area.

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Now I live about 10 miles from the ground I have to devote much more time to going the match. You have to allow time to travel through heavy traffic, time to park, often some distance from the ground. Towards the end of the game many people edge towards the exit whilst the match is in progress, in order to beat the traffic, which in my case in the case of the ground is the match while because my car will be hemmed in by other cars, so I have no choice but to wait until they leave first.

During the match you are aware, however crowded it is, that an area of the ground is kept clear. The home and visiting supporters are, it appears, likely to tear each other to pieces, even if separated by high mesh fence and surrounded by stewards. If you are at that end of the ground you cannot be allowed to leave until the visiting supporters have gone. You are 'kept in' like naughty school children!

A small minority of supporters hurl abuse and obscenities at players on both sides, and aunt the opposing supporters, particularly atunn the opposing supporters, particularly

A small minority of supporters hurl abuse and obscenities at players on both sides, and taunt the opposing supporters, particularly when a goal is scored for the Wanderers.

No action is taken against the bad language, which goes on oblivious of children. The so called "FAMILY STAND" in the standing area is a joke, being a very small area, and not limited to children and those with them,

ing area is a joke, being a very small area, and not limited to children and those with them, as one would expect.

My grandson is keen on football, but he lives some way in the wrong direction, so linking up with him takes some time, should I decide to ask him along.

We managed to get a seat in the family section of the main grandstand on some occasions, and these visits have been successful, but not when we have gone into the standing areas. Grandson cannot see, the ground has been too crowded, despite seeing masses of from where it is a no-go area, and the added burden of bad language makes the afternoon uncomfortable.

Of course you have to encourage a new uncomfortable of spectators. This means that you have to gain goodwill of their parents and grandsparents who will bring them along, but I must say that there is not much incentive at grands and dealing with those who do misbehave, es some of the things that need to be addressed, and which I doubt whether a large new stand will by itself, do to encourage a larger crowd to attend.

People who compare the present with bygone days may not live in the real world of

will by itself, do to encourage a larger crowd to attend.

People who compare the present with bygone days may not live in the real world of progress, but going to a match should be fun.

The enjoyment should compensate for giving up an entire afternoon to a 90 minute match. If it doesn't then it is all too easy to find reasons not'to go, and it is then difficult to get the enthusiasm back no matter how long you have supported the team. For them to win is all very well. If they win with style and skill then that is better, but it takes attention to so many other things to get the "Floating spectators" out to the match, and, at present, I don't think that enough is being done to encourage them to turn up.

David Wiltshire, Hedgerley, Bucks

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the top of the let DeSouza, performances and quality significantly suffered.

Following Martin's departure, many of us were of the opinion that the Board should have in some way gone for continuity, with the playing staff retaining the Marin Way as it were, and whilst agreeing that Alian Smith has managed at the highest level, the majority of his former teams have been more concerned with the long ball, route one football.

Such a system is far less attractive to watch and is obviously less productive in the current season. Taking the comparable fixtures with last season as opposed to the first fourteen games, we have accumulated less points this campaign with little variation in goal difference.

We are concerned that there is a better.



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by most fans.

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A beer with Terry Howard

e real

TV star, captain of a promotion-chasing Division Two team, author, and now the supporters' Player of the month for October, is there no end to the man's talents? Darren Bignell enjoys an aftermatch pint of diet Coke with Terry Howard and finds out.

A pint of diet Coke? - I thought you were the hard man

of football.
Well, that's what I keep telling everyone, I am driving, yeah, but after the game if I have a beer if just goes straight through me, so I have to wait for the old stomach to settle down - I'm not in Simon Garner's league yet, I'll catch up later on.

You're Player of the month for October, how do you feel?

Very pleased, it's always a nice feeling when you get some acclaim from the supsome acclaim from the sup-porters, because they obvious-ly think you're doing a good job. I've been pleased with how I've been playing, I've felt that I was going through my best period since my best days at Orient, which were three or four years ago. I sup-pose the responsibility of being captain bucks you up a bit, because you've got to lead by example.

So you'll presumably be



by Darren Bignell

celebrating such an accolade, what form of revelry do cele-brations usually take? I think there'd be a fair amount

I think there'd be a fair amount of alcohol going down, I mean, that's basic - the saying is: win, lose or draw, we'll drink some more. And if I don't have a drink, then I must be ill. With football, no matter what the result, you have to have a release - it always tastes a bit sweeter when you win though.

Have you used your Coca-Cola mountain bike yet (for being man of the match against Fulham)? Away from football, any form of physical exercise is blasphe-

my in the Howard gospel, so I've actually given it to my nephew. I think he's currently wooing the young thirteen year old girls with it.

old girls with it.

You have been playing well recently and we haven't seen many mistakes, so have you ever made a horrific gaff on the pitch, something unbellevably awful?

I've only ever scored one own goal - that was for Orient - and that was a horrendous own goal at Preston on the sha"sty all-weather pitch that they used to have. Our goalkeeper had just made a double save and I meant to take it away from the goal - it was just bouncing about harmlessly - and for some reason I toe-poked it into the net. What made it worst was that we were in the players bar after the game, and they showed a replay of the game, and the goal going in, and everyone just started laughing at me.

And how about off the pitch? How long have you got? It's usually the amazing power of alcohol that's involved, I mean you walk into a pub or club at the start of a night and you see the start of a night and you see girls that are pretty horren-dous, if you don't mind me saying.

And by the end of the night, they look fantastic and you want to marry them.

Do you follow any other team? As a kid I was a Chelsea sup-

As a kid I was a Chelsea supporter, and I've always played
for London area clubs, so if
one of them is playing a northern club, I'll always go with
the London club. It's nothing
to personal, it's just the stick
that they give us - I mean the
lads like Patto and Belly, we
give them a bit of stick for
being northern, and they call
us Cockney so-and-so's, and
it's all taken in good heart.
But there's not one team I follow.

So who's going to win the Premiership? I don't think Man Utd will, I

think it boils down to Liverpool or Newcastle. Newcastle have got a stronger squad this season, and I think squad this season, and I think they'll stay up there for the duration.

You've got a book coming out in December, then?
Yeah, it's just trying to give people an insight. I suppose, into the everyda y life of a lower division footballer. It's every light-hearted - there are serious parts: my sacking, and I used to be a bit of a gamblerbut in general, I've tried to make it a bit of fun, and it's right up to date: there's a couright up to date: there's a cou-ple of chapters on Wycombe, A few of my ex-team mates aren't going to be too



SUPPORTERS Player of the Month Terry Howard in action against Fulham earlier this season

happy, because I've stitched a couple of them up - there are holiday stories, and I've not been able to use names in

So, author, Captain, TV star, what next? Who's going to play you in the movie of the book?

I thought that maybe Brad Pitt would be ideal - although arm pit is probably more likely.

A pop song, maybe? Go for the Christmas number one? Well it's the next step, really. I thought Take That might need another member, to fill Robbie's briefs, you know.

So, who do you think will be number one at Christmas? Well, there's every chance that Robson & Jerome will get it, which is a bit worrying. They're good in Soldier, Soldier, but any two men that confess they're love for each

other in the News of the World...I mean, I love Jason Cousins, but I don't go around saying it.

Which sticker in a Pannini album could you never get hold of?

They used to have the badge They used to have the badge and team picture for the lower divisions, and there were some hard ones to get, the likes of Shrewsbury and Northampton Town, and you'd try to trade five Kenny Dalglish's for a Shrewsbury, but you just couldn't get it.

And looking to the future? And looking to the future? It'd be nice to play at a higher level with Wycombe, that goes without saying - we've got a chance this year if we can sustain it, but it's going to be a long hard season. Our key month is January, if we're still in there at the end of the month, we've got a big chance.





aver Profile on David Farrell compiled by Steve Hayes

Personal Details FULL NAME: David Farrell DATE OF BIRTH: 11th of November,

SCHOOL:Smiths Comprehensive HEIGHT:5ft 10"

QUESTIONS &

ANSWERS

WHO DO YOU SHARE A ROOM WITH ON AWAY TRIPS? Jason Rowbotham.

DOES HE HAVE ANY ANNOYING HABITS? I have not noticed any-thing yet.

WHAT WAS YOUR AMBITION AS A

To be a professional foot-

baller

WEIGHT:11 stone, 7lbs HOME: 3 bedroom detached in Tamworth

CAR: Rover 200 MARRIED: Yes CHILLOREN: None DAD'S JOB: Gardener BROTHERS & SISTERS: One brother and one sister FAMILY PETS: Sam a Labrador and a Cocker Spaniel called Charlie NICKNAME AT CLUB: Too early to

WHAT OTHER SPORTS AND HOB-BIES DO YOU ENJOY?

WHAT IS YOUR MOST PRIZED POS-SESSION? Cup Final Medal for my Sunday side.

DO YOU PLAY ANY MUSICAL INSTRU-MENTS?

GREATEST INFLU-ENCE ON YOUR CAREER?

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WHO IS THE TOUGH-EST OPPONENT YOU HAVE FACED? Lee Dixon.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SUPERSTITIONS BEFORE A GAME?

WHAT JOB WOULD YOU BE DOING IF YOU HADN'T MADE IT AS A FOOT-BALLER?

WHAT IS YOUR AMBITION NOW? To succeed at the top level.

WHO WAS YO BOYHOOD HERO? Tony Morely.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST THRILL IN LIFE? Getting Married.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST DIS-APPOINTMENT IN LIFE?

Losing two Sunday Cup Finals consecutively

WHAT IS YOUR SAD-DEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL? As above

WHICH PRESENT DAY FOOTBALLER
DO YOU ADMIRE
MOST?
Peter Beardsley.

WHO IS THE GREAT-EST PLAYER THERE HAS EVER BEEN?

Probably something in banking.

AWAY FROM FOOT-BALL, WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR GREAT-EST SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT?

Winning a pool competi-tion with 64 entrants.

WHAT IS THE FUNNI-EST MOMENT YOU HAVE SEEN ON A FOOTBALL PITCH?

Seeing Kevin Richardson being pushed into the seats in the League Cup last season Blues v Villa.

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Leaving my top in the changing room when about to come on as a sub.

WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A BOY? Aston Villa.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE GROUND? Old Trafford.

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POP STAR/GROUP:

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LP: Labour of Love II UB40

FOOD: Chocolate

DRINK: Milk

FILM: True Lies

FILM STARS: Jim

HOLIDAY RESORT: Playa Des Ingles, Gran Canaria

TV STARS: David Jason

COMEDIAN: Lee Evans CITY: Birmingham

SOAP: I hate them all



IN action. David Farrell



CHRISTMAS AND **NEW YEAR FIXTURES**

Wycombe Wanderers first team fixtures, home and away, over the festive season are as follows:-

HOME

Kick Off Venue Opposition Bristol City 16/12/95 Shrewsbury Twn 23/12/95 Rotherham Utd 1/1/96 3.00pm

Prices at Adams Park for all League fixtures are as fol-

3.00pm

Adult Terrace - £7 O.A.P. Terrace - £4.50 Child Terrace (under 16) - £4.50

Family Stand Seat Adult - £10 Child Seat (Under 16) -(Maximum of 3 children per adult in the family stand)

Main Stand Seat - £12 Creditcard Hotline for tickets is 01494 441118

Opposition Date

Kick Off Venue

Swindon Twn 26/12/95 Brentford 30/12/95 * Blackpool 6/ 1/95

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N THE two years I have been at Wycombe when we have managed to take a lead generally we went on to kill the game, unfortunately our long periods of possession has not resulted in the punishing of sides which now gives us a tag of the draw specialists.

As mentioned last month, it is all too easy to get into a run of losing games, something we have not been

games, something we have not been doing. At the time of writing we are positioned fourth behind some very strong sides, there is of course always room for improvement which we are working very hard to achieve.

I was of course pleased to come on with Garns for the last 30 min-utes against Hull, being 2 goals down with a short time left was not

FOUR new football special services are now in operation started and run from the areas below.

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the best circumstances to make a come back but the reception we both received from the supporters was without question one of the

best I can remember.

Being the Man of the Match was very pleasing for me after such a long lay off but I would like to point out that the continued noise from the crowd puriped all the lads up and in the end we were unlucky not to take all three points after a Hull defender handled the ball off the line which was unfortunately

the line which was unfortunately not seen by the ref.

Before the game a betting man would have seen this as a home banker with Hull firmly rooted to the bottom, it just proves that we must always be at our best wheever we are playing, our self belief

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ng a game from a seeming defeat. Come next May it is results like this

that are so very important. Even though two points were ulti-Even though two points were ultimately dropped on a personally front it was a big high for me which was quickly followed on the Tuesday against York by an even bigger low when I was unable to continue after injuring an ankle after just half an hour, to say that I was disappointed is an understatement but hopefully I will be back to full training soon.

I would like to make a special thank you to the Wycombe Sports Centre for allowing the injured lads to regularly use their excellent swimming facilities, when we undertake work in the pool it makes a big difference in the

a big difference in the time it takes for us to resume full training.

resume full training.

Through the help of the Wycombe Educational Department and Matthew Smith our own Community Officer I have started to talk to classes of children every Monday afternoon. I was approached some months ago about putting across my views to 10 year old's on health and fitness together with the dangers together with the dangers of drug abuse for which I have received some train-

ing and information.

I am not a person who is comfortable to stand in front of people and give a speech or lecture instead preferring to answer questions and then develop healthy discussion ensuring that the important points are made. I had no idea what to expect, the classes knew days in advance about me coming and had prepared their questions which have been on a wide range of subjects. ing and information.

subjects.

These sessions last for an hour and a half, listening to the views of people so young makes the time fly by making it a thoroughly enjoyable experience for which great credit must go to the teachers, they have ensured that their classes manage to their classes manage to put me on the spot by ask-ing questions like "how much do you earn"



Captains Log by Terry Evans

Matthew is continuing to book school for the com-ing weeks and I genuinely look forward to these ses-sions not knowing what questions will be asked

next. Both Jason Cousins and myself recently attended the Marlow Garden Centre to open their Christmas department which is quite outstanding, plenty of sup-porters came to see us and give views on the Club which is always interest-

which is always interesting.

I was very pleased with the recent draw, no not the FA Cup but the players Christmas present draw. Each year all the names go into a hat and we pull one out that we have to buy a gift for, this year I got Chuck who I need very little assistance with!!

As it is my task to arrange the players Christmas party I have spoken to Neil Smillie who is getting the Youths to put together a pantomime for us, this is good for character building and team morale especially as Neil is doing such a good job with them resulting in job with them resulting in some already regularly playing in the reserves. It is good to let off steam before the

stam before the Christmas fixtures start, it helps us to be together and focus as a unit in what is to me one of the most important periods of the season.

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MANY of the supporters are now using the bus services provided, and it has been suggested that another service be run from Great Missenden.Prestwood Travel who run the buses from this area are willing to introduce an extra service if there are enough people interested. The following route has been put forward; Great Missenden, Prestwood, Great Kingshill, Spurlands End, Holmer Green(Mandarin Duck), Cosy Corner, Hazlemere X Roads, Amersham Hill. If you are interested please contact;

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WYCOMBE Wanderers Football Club have decided it will continue to use the current popular yellow away kit for appropriate away fixtures next season (1996/97).

The decision has been taken to extend the life of the all yellow kit due to it's popularity with the supporters, players and management. The kit is currently in it's second year of use, with Wycombe Wanderers having a policy of at least two years life on all three of it's kits.

Wanders is having a purious title. Since being at Adams Park that the Club have decided to use any kit during a third season. The yellow was first worn at Brunton Park in May 1994 on the way to defeating Carilele United 4-1 in the play off semi finals.



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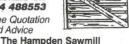
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More for the kids

WYCOMBE Wanderers Community Scheme are planning a new look to their Christmas Soccer School Funweeks, by offering more to the children who attend. The week will now be more exciting, more fun and at no extra charge.

The reason for the new format is so that the children leave the course with a sense of fulfilment and the knowledge that Wycombe Wanderers is a top quality club trying to do it's best for the community. The idea is also that all the boys and girls who participate in this Funweek feel that who participate in this Funweek feel that and participate in this Funweek tert trait and only have they improved their footballing skills, but they will also know more about our ground and what goes in to the running of the Club through out the week (apart from Saturdays).

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"I found that with the previous funweeks the children were getting tired and
the new format is designed to keep them
interested whilst giving them a break.
"Pure football just isu't enough!" I want
the children to leave at the end of the
week feeling happy and glad that they
came," said Matthew Smith.

The New Funweek format will include
the Coca-Cola Soccer Star Scheme, as
before, but in addition they will be taken
on a Grand Tour of Adams Park. Whilst
on this tour they will be able to see what
really happens behind the 'Strictly No
Admittance' doors of a football Club.
They will be able to see the changing
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and the Boardroom. On the same day

They will be able to see the changi rooms, the boot room, the Gymnasi and the Boardroom. On the same day they will be taken to Bisham Abbey to watch the First Team being put through their rigorous training session, then when they have finished they will be able to meet the players and get their autographs.

Mr Smith believes introducing these two activities into the Funweek will prove to be very enjoyable and interesting to the children, as well as breaking up the week. I put these ideas to Alan Smith, the Manager and Im Melvin our Youth Development Officer (previously our Community Officer) who both agreed. The children that attend the courses more than once a year do the same thing, but now, however, they will be able to come along once again to a new improved week.

The Funweek starts on Monday 18th December - Friday 22nd December. These courses will be held at Wye Valley School and Molins Sports & Social Club. The Molins course is subject to the number of people wishing to take part. The price for the full week is £37.50, with various reductions for the unemployed and families with more than one child on the course.

If you would like more information on the courses call me Matthew Smith on 01494 472100...



Wycombe **Wanderers** 1995/96 season

1st Team Squad & Youth Team (Front Row

Left to Right; Jason Soloman, Shaun Stevens, Terry Howard, Paul Hyde, Terry Evans, Chuck Moussaddik, Matt Crossley, Simon Stapleton, Gary Patterson Patterson.
Mid/fielder, Right Back,
Centre Back, G/Keeper,
Defender, G/Keeper,
Centre Back Mid/Fielder
Mid/Fielder.

David Jones, Jim Melvin Miquel DeSouza, Anthony Hemmings, Keith Ryan, Jason Cousins, David Carroll Steve Thompson, Davic Kemp, Neil Smillie Physio, Youth Officer, Forward Forward Mid/Fielder, Defender, Mid/Fielder, Mid/Fielder, Assitant Youth Team

Assitant Team

Man of presence



THE elite? Simon Garner

MAGNIFICENT, brilliant, sensational and also above all entertaining! These are extravagant adjectives some-times used about Premiership Players who are not always worth the descrip-tion.

who are not always worth the description.

If you remember and have watched George Best, Stan Bowles, Rodney Marsh, Tony Currie or more recently Ray Wilkins you will have witnessed entertaining players. Do you Wanderers supporters happen to have been at a Q.P.R. match when Tony Currie was standing over the ball, ready to take a free kick? The hapless referee was having trouble in getting the wall back three paces big Tony picked the ball up and moved it forward three paces. The referee look back and decided that the wall was not yet 10 yards back and duly moved it back another 3 yards. The Stadium was in uproar. Visiting supporters were apoplectic and the home crowd in hysteries. It did not matter to Master Currie.

01494 450957

By Graham Peart

where the wall or the ball was, he could deliver it on the proverbial sixpence every time anyway. It was more about demonstrating mastery and entertaining his crowd. When the referee understood what had happened he joined in the fun also. Great Stuff.

also. Great Stuff.

Currie was at it again at an away match at Watford in the Milk Cup later that season. After the umpteenth tackle from behind the referee finally awarded a free kick to T.C. The Rangers supporters cheered. Tony Currie was by then on his knees and he waved back. The referee who had no sense of humour, promptly booked him for ungentlemanly conduct. It turned out that he told the ref. he was waving to his mum who was watching on television.

Which brings me to the point, eventually! Simon Garner can now join the exalted elite of players who have skills above the norm, can play, and above all are entertainers. Super Simons' handling

of a vary partisan crowd in Swansea wa brilliant. He received substantial unwar brilliant. He received substantial unwar ranted abuse about his seniority form the home supporters which became morpointed after Swansea went ahead. He showed no reaction at all. Well non until he brilliantly drove in a cross from an impossible position, under pressure from the defender to allow David Carroll, no fen celebrated for headed goals, to rui in and nod it home. Three Points.

Simon was then allowed off the field a few minutes early, possibly as reward to enable him to use the showers first to perhaps to have a fag, whatever. As he passed the main stand he gave his Welst critics a huge toothless grin and indicate that the scoreline was 2-1, to Wycombe Total silence.

Magnificent, brilliant, sensational and above all entertaining.

Simon you are now nominated to be to the master class which now reads best, Bowles, Marsh, Curries, Wilkins and Garner. Any other nominees? Le Tissie nerhans? ranted abuse about his seniority form the

Garner. Any other nominees? Le Tissie perhaps?

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This is a great chance to join the club and support it in a very special way. The scheme also has the advantage of being attractive to companies wishing to earn that little bit of value added publicity or for any supporter wishing to sponsor his or her favourite player.

For more information on the package and prices, and a chance to 'Mark Your Man' contact Tim Arnold in the Commercial Offices at Adams Park Tel: 01494 472100